

Andrew Jackson to Andrew Jackson, Jr., October 25, 1835, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

TO ANDREW JACKSON, JR.

Washington, October 25, 1835.

My son, I inclose you another letter from your dear Sarah, who, with the dear little ones, are enjoying good health, our dear little Rachel mending every day, and the son growing finely, and denoting remarkable genius for his age, he can make himself understood altho he can utter but a few words—he is quite mischeivious, and very sprightly but I suppose Sarah has given you a full description of our dear little petts. We have been alone for two or three days, Mrs. Donelson spending a few days at Baltimore, all well.

I am anxious to hear from you as to the prospects of our cotton crop, and hope you will be able to make all necessary arrangements about the farm, and come on with the members of congress. there can be no necessity for you to remain longer than to make the necessary arrangements with the overseer as it regards our next crop, the disposal of the present, the sale of the stock that can be spared, if a markett can be had for them, and preparation for our Citizen stud the ensuing year. If you cannot get a good stand for him he must remain at home, and our whole mares put to him, he is a better blooded horse than any other I know of, and I mean to breed from him, his colts will prove good runners, from good mares, when well trained.

Before you leave, have a full account of what will remain to be paid when the House is finished, and when each payment will fall due, have every debt against the farm liquidated that we may know the whole amount of our debts that must be met. I request that you

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will attend to this in a particular manner. My life is precarious, and I do not wish you to be left in a situation to have to sell property after my death to meet any debt. We will have, from the failure of our crop, to oeconomise as much as we can, therefore it is, that I wish you to *sell* , or barter for work mares, one, or both, of our three year old stud colts, and relieve us from the tax of buying for cash. I did calculate on our cotton producing sufficient funds to meet all expence of the farm (the purchase of work mares included) and leaving something to aid in the expence of finishing and furnishing the house. from your letter, I have lost all hopes from the cotton, and my other means will, I fear, not be sufficient to meet it. We must do the best we can. I shall not write again until I hear from you when you will leave for this plaice.

your affectionate father